

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in the application. Claims 18-23 have been withdrawn from consideration. In the Final Office Action mailed July 9, 2007, the Examiner took the following action: (1) rejected claims 1-17 under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement; (2) rejected claims 1-13 and 16-17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Germanetti (U.S. 6,400,282); (3) rejected claims 14-15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Germanetti in view of Board (U.S. 6,351,713). Applicants hereby amend claim 1. Applicants respectfully request entry of the above-proposed amendment, as well as reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

I. Examiner Interview

Applicants respectfully express their appreciation to Examiner Lau for the time spent on the telephone on September 21, 2007, discussing the disposition of this case with applicants' representative. It is believed that agreement was reached with the Examiner that independent claim 1, as amended, is supported under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph by page 4, lines 16-17 and lines 22-24 of the Specification.

Further, applicants and the Examiner discussed the difference between "reconfiguring at least one of the component and the system to compensate during a flight" as recited in the applicants' independent claim 1 and the replacement of modules as taught by Board on Column 3, Lines 55-59. It is believed that agreement was reached with Examiner Lau during the telephone interview that independent claim 1, as amended in this Response, defines over the prior art. Therefore, applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-17 are now in condition for allowance.

II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

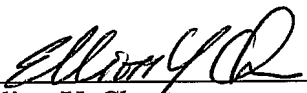
Claims 1-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirements. Applicants have deleted "automatically" from claim 1. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that the above-proposed amendments be entered and that pending claims 1-17 be allowed. If there are any remaining matters that may be handled by telephone conference, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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